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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALBAN, 5, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Holborn Hill, E.C., LATES, HEDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C., SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 130 & 134, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SWATOW, QUELCH & CAMPBELL, Amoy, GILKIN & CO., Foochow, HEDEN & CO., Shanghai, LATE, GRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO., Manila, O. HANNEMAN & CO., Macao, L. A. DA GAMA.

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREES OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

— and —
BY IMPERIAL DECREES OF 25TH JULY, 1864,
AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF
30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. £ Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL,...80,000,000 3,200,000
RESERVE FUND,...20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
LONDON AGENCY.—144, Leadenhall St.,
E.C.
AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Mar-
sailles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta,
St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hong-
kong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England,
Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.
INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the
monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed
Deposits at rates which may be ascertained
at the offices.

CHR. DE GUIGNÉ,
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, May 14, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,...5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,...100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—E. R. BEILLIUS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDRE, Esq.
J. F. CORDES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPPIUS, Esq. F. D. SARSON, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,
Hongkong. JAMES GREIG, Esq.
Manager.

Shanghai. EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 , 4 per cent. " "
" 12 , 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

ON SALE.

THE CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, His-
torical, Mythological and General
Literary Reference,

BY
WILLIAM FREDERICK MATHER.

Price \$3.

Shanghai, KELLY & CO.
Hongkong, "OSMAN MAH" OFFICE.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V.
SHAW to sign my name per procura-
tion.

A. MAC G. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
EDWARD WHITALL in our Firm
ceased on the 20th April last.

We have authorized Mr. HERBERT SMITH
to sign our Firm.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-
partnership from the First day of
January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-
brokers at this Port, under the style of
MORAN & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have established branches of our
Firm at Haiphong and Hanot. Mr.
E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by
procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
J. ALBAN in our Firm ceased on the
31st December last. The Business will be
carried on under the style of MEYER & CO.

MEYER, ALBAN & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed
SURVEYOR TO LLOYD'S REGISTER
at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS.

1, Club Chambers,

Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

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R. H. CAIRNS.

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NOTICE.

JUST RECEIVED,
Ex French Mail Steamer "MEI-KONG."

YELLOW CHARTREUSE, (pints and
quarts.)

Extra fine SALAD OIL, from (Beccade,
Marselles.)

Imperial PINEAPPLES, in Glass Jars.

Sicilian NUTS.

FRANCE, JELLIES & FRUITS, assorted.

Fine French SAUSAGES, in 1 lb. tins.

Assorted PASTE for SOUP.

French CANVAS, assorted, Nos. 1 to 5.

French NAVY SOAP.

Marseille SAUSAGE, Quite Fresh.

Lyon SAUSAGE, Quite Fresh.

MESS PORK in barrels of 100 lbs., or
by retail.

CHAMPAGNE, VINEYARD PRO-
PALETTES' BRANDY.

BISCUITS, Dubouche, BRANZINI.

St. Emilion Dinner CLARET.

Haut Saumur, WHITE WINE.

ANCHOVIES, in oil.

Superior CLARET, bottled by the Under-
signed, 82 per doz.

TUNNY FISH, in oil.

Superior WHITE VINEGAR.

TAPIOCA.

Julienne SOUP, in 1 lb. Tin.

TRUFFLES.

MACARONI & VERMICELLI.

French extra fine TOBACCO.

Just Landed Ex S. S. "AVA."

PEPPERMINT, quarts and pints.

BEN'DICTINE, quarts and pints.

French OLAY PIPES.

Raspail's extra fine LIQUOR.

French Smoked HAMS.

Solason BEANS.

VANILLA.

CLARET from Bordeaux.

" 6 , 4 per cent. " "

" 12 , 5 per cent. " "

NOTICE.

Painting Iron Steamer, No. 2, Peel Street,

Hongkong, May 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

ON and after this Date, the Price of our

ICE will be ONE CENT per Pound.

KYLE & BAIN.

Ice Depot, Duddell Street,

Hongkong, May 4, 1876.

NOTICE.

TUDOR COMPANY.

ON and after this Date, the Retail Price

of our NATURAL ICE will be ONE
CENT per Pound.

JOHN F. HORGAN,

Agent.

Tudor Ice House,

Hongkong, May 4, 1876.

For Sale.

SAYLE & CO. have opened
their first delivery of New
Goods for the coming Season, to
which they invite special attention.

Ladies' and Children's Ready-
made Costumes in a variety of
Styles.

Morning Wrappers in Embroidered Linen, Printed, Cambric,
White Brilliant and Muslin.

French Toilet Jackets.

Richly Embroidered Cambric
Skirts.

A Large Assortment of Dress
Materials in all the newest
designs.

French Millinery of the latest
fashions.

Boys' Holland Suits & Pinafors.
Ladies' Underclothing.

Ladies' and Children's Boots and
Shoes.

Also,
A fresh supply of the "Little
Wander" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong.

SAYLE & CO.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

In One Lot, or in Lots to suit Purchasers.

THE BUILDINGS, MACHINERY and
LAND belonging to the BIEN HOA
SUGAR FACTORY (Cochin China), con-
sisting of:

FIVE SUGAR MILLS, with accessories
complete. Sheet-Iron Troughs, Copper
Boilers, Vacuum Fans, Five Turbines
with Independent Engines, Concretes,
etc., &c., &c.

Machines for Adjusting and Fitting,
Turning Lathe, Boring Machine, &c.,
&c., &c.

One Gas Machine.

One Steam-Crane.

Spare Materials, Iron and Copper Pipes
of various dimensions, &c., &c.

French NAVY SOAP.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, having been for 18 years in this port as Ships' Comprador and Stevedore, has always on hand
FOR SALE.

First Class Tea Ballast, at 55 cents per ton.
Second " 50 "
Blue Stone Ballast, " 35 "
Stone Ballast, " 30 "
Coolies for discharge, " 6 "
Coolies for discharge, " 7 "
Also.

Fresh PROVISIONS, Oilman's STORES, Paints, Oil, &c., &c. can be had at more moderate rates for Shipmasters than anywhere else at this port. If any Shippers require my services, they will please hoist No. 5 Flag on the main mast, or apply to No. 57, Praya West (between the Canton Steamers' Wharves.)

AH YON,

Ships' Comprador and Stevedore,
Hongkong, May 2, 1876.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all CREDITORS and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JOHN WOTHERSPOON, late of Bangkok, in the Kingdom of Siam, who died on the 6th day of July, 1871, and whose Will was duly proved in the Probate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Hongkong by WILLIAM HENRY BREKETON, of 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, Solicitor, to whom Letters of Administration with the Will annexed were duly granted by the said Court on the 10th day of March, 1876, are hereby required to SEND in writing the PARTICULARS of their Claims or Demands to the said WILLIAM HENRY BREKETON, on or before the 1st day of July next; and notice is hereby also given, that at the expiration of the last mentioned day the said WILLIAM HENRY BREKETON will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JOHN WOTHERSPOON amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which he has then had notice; and that the said WILLIAM HENRY BREKETON will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whom Claims he has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 28th day of March, 1876.

W. H. BREKETON,
29, Queen's Road, Hongkong,

my11] Solicitor.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE S. S. ARRATON APCAR,
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding her discharge will at once be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1876.

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FOR SALE, HYDRAULIC PRESS,
with Fittings, complete.
For particulars, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.,
Hongkong, May 10, 1876.

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JUST PUBLISHED.

BRITISH OPIUM POLICY.—By
F. S. TURNER, B.A.—Price \$3.
Hongkong: LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
May 10, 1876.

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GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell
by Public Auction, in their Sale
Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 12th May, 1876, at Noon,—

Jams, Jellies, Raisins, Tapioca, Tart-Fruits, Baking Powder, &c., Cotton Socks, Stockings, Linen Handkerchiefs, Sheath Knives, Tooth Brushes, Assorted Scents in Gilt Cut-glass Bottles, Toilet Soap, Violet Powder, Potumatum, Cosmetique. E.H.P. (in diamond) 6 cases Port Wine, 5 Claret.

100 Twisted Barrel Cavalry Carbines.
10 Revolvers.

d.c., d.c., d.c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 10, 1876.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ADM., German barque, Capt. Lehmann,
Melchers & Co.

LIZZIE, British barque, Captain John
Inckay—Broadbear, Anthony & Co.

TARTAR, German brig, Capt. Kaestens,
Melchers & Co.

CRAGO, British barque, Capt. Snadden.

PHIGENIA, German barque, Captain
Matzen—Wm. Pustau & Co.

MARGARITA, British ship, Capt. Owens,
Voss, Hagedorn & Co.

BORG, British barque, Captain Botilson,
Gibb, Livingston & Co.

COMET, American ship, Captain William
E. Bray.

WILLIAM MANSON, British barque, Capt.
G. King—Adamson, Bell & Co.

LOUISA, German 8-m. schooner, Captain
H. Shierlon—Eduard Schellhass & Co.

BELTED WIL, British ship, Captain J.
Branchwate.

WOMAN, German barque, Capt. Meyer,
Wm. Pustau & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Departure of the S. S.
"NORDEN"
as above is unavoidably
Postponed until FRIDAY,
the 12th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Hongkong, May 10, 1876.

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FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
"OXFORDSHIRE"
Capt. C. P. Jones, Commander, will be
despatched as above on SATURDAY,
the 13th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1876.

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FOR BANGKOK.

The German Steamship
"QUARTA,"
Master, will be despatched
as above on SATURDAY, the
13th May, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
WM. PUSTAU & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1876.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
May 9, Racehorse, Siamese barque, 387,
P. Olsen, Bangkok April 9, Rice—Siamese
& Co.

May 10, Cyclop, German gunboat, 360,
6 Guns, 80 Horse-power, Von Reiche, from a
cruise.

May 10, Killernay, British steamer, 1060,
H. O'Neill, Bangkok May 3 at 6 p.m.,
Rice—CAPTAIN.

May 10, Ararat Appear, British steamer,
1392, Mactavish, Calcutta April 24, Penang
May 1, and Singapore 4, General—D.
SASSOON, Sons & Co.

May 10, Moliang, French steamer, 1810,
Fosse, Shanghai May 7, Mails and
General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES.

May 10, John Stordorff, for Bangkok,
10, Jylland, for Newchwang.

10, Cyphene, for Saigon.

10, Antoines, for Shanghai.

10, H. M. S. Egret, for Hainan.

10, Ger. g. b. Cyclop, for a cruise.

10, Candia, for Saigon.

10, Amoy, for Shanghai.

10, Glenlynn, for Shanghai.

10, Douglas, for Swatow, &c.

10, Thingwalla, for Saigon.

10, Attona, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Killarnay, 22 Chinapee,
Per Ararat Appear, Mr and Mrs Bird,
Mr and Mrs Geo. Colas, Col. H. R. L.
Nendigant, Messrs Grant and Thordyke,
Capt. Young, Capt. Edwards, Rev. Bag-
dader, Messrs D. R. Bilia, E. M. Da-
mbooy and J. B. Elms and 351 Chinese.

Per Melkong, from Shanghai, for Hong-
kong: Messrs A. Mailland, Oliphant, F.
Ghatenbey, Durand, 1 Japanese and 6
Chinese. For Saigon: Messrs Coadejot,
Mangis and Cognier. For Suez: Mr
Tukinda. For Marseilles: Mr and Mrs
Vickers, infant and servant, Mr and Mrs
Canny, Messrs Geisenheimer, Voisin, Tay-
lor, Edgers, Baehr, Thiddesfoky, Stron-
berry, Wheeler, Donaldson, Grenot, A.
Kerr, Mr and Mrs Wandeford, Mrs Dutefau,
Mrs Amy and servant.

DEPARTED.—Per Amoy, for Shanghai,
60 Chinese.

To DEPART.—Per Thingwalla, for Saigon,
200 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Siamese barque Racehorse reports:

light winds and fine weather until reaching
the Ladrones, thence to port strong N.E.
winds and heavy seas. Anchored at Green
Island on the 9th and arrived at the an-
chorage this forenoon.

The British steamer Killarnay reports:
had fine weather until the 7th, since then
had strong N.E. gales and heavy con-
fused sea.

The British str. Ararat Appear reports:
China Sea first light Westerly winds,
 latter part fresh Northerly winds. May
10 spoke one of H. M. S. shewing G.V.Q.C.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:

For SWATOW.

Per JEDDAH, at 2 p.m. on Thursday,
the 11th Instant.

For BANGKOK.

Per RAJANATTIANUHAR, at 3.30

p.m. To-morrow, the 11th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SINGAPORE & PENANG.

Per NORDEN, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday,

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

10 a.m.—Douglas leaves for Swatow,
Amoy and Foochow.

Noon.—Sorogen leaves for Manila.

4 p.m.—Zamboanga leaves for Manila.

Auctions.

Noon.—Sale of the wreck of the Steamer

Kwanping, at Mr W. Kerfoot Hughes'

office.

TO ADVERTISERS.

The attention of Advertisers is respect-
fully drawn to the fact that a copy of the

Chin. Mail has for some time past been

placed on board of every Steamer and Sail-

ing Vessel on arrival in this Harbour.

Facilities which have recently been placed

within the reach of Captains and Officers of

Ships have resulted in a material increase

Joseph De Britto, as Jury. The Jurors having meantime examined the steamer,

Mr C. V. Lang, Chief Engineer of the Kinshun, was recalled, and deposed as follows. Having seen the plate of the burst portion of the burst boiler—having regard to the thinness of the plate, I would have gone in the steamer with 10 lbs. of steam. I would not have considered it safe to have kept the ship going. Supposing I was obliged to work the vessel from Canton down here, I should have considered it safe to have put on a pressure of 10 lbs. of steam. Since the ship has been over to the dock, a thorough examination of the boilers has been made. We have not found any portion of it so thin as the part which burst. A portion of the upper course of the boiler-plate was as thick as when it was new, but the heat seemed to have acted more on one part of the plates than the other. We tested the boiler-plate almost every week by hammering them. It was impossible for any one to have found out the defect at the point where it burst.

By a Juror:—When we left the Wharf, we had about 24 lbs. pressure. This was shown by the gauge, and I believe the gauge indicated more than what was the actual pressure. I should say by a couple of lbs. After leaving the wharf, the steam had worked itself up and the gauge indicated 25 lbs. I had done nothing to put on more steam after leaving the wharf. I had no orders from the captain to put on more steam. There was no rule on board the ship as to how often the boilers should be examined; it was entirely left to myself. The Ichang began to run about the middle of August last. (Engineer's log put in).

Mr Russell said he saw an average pressure of 27 lbs. in a day in November.

Mr Lang said it was perhaps only one day.

Mr Russell, examining the log, said the amount of pressure entered previous to August was 21 lbs., but in the latter and of that month, the pressure was worked up to 28 lbs., and throughout September, it was 27 and 28, and in October there was one day of 28 lbs. He had not seen any day of 26 lbs. steam until the 6th April.

THE CANTON CUSTOMS AND THE ALLEGED SPY SYSTEM.

We have received from an official in the Canton Customs, whose connection with the Preventive Department gives him the best means of knowing the real facts of the Hoppo's side of the discussion, the following statement regarding recent disclosures and the remarks which we made thereupon:—

I have read in your paper of the 3rd May, and also in your morning contemporary, observations on what is commonly called the "Blockade of Hongkong." These remarks were induced by a case recently in the Hongkong Police Court, and more especially by the evidence given in it by one Wong A Pang. There are many points in this article I would wish to comment on, as in their present form they are calculated to mislead the public.

1st.—As regards Wong A Pang's evidence. It is not my business nor intention to throw any imputation on him. I know nothing of his credibility; I only know that he left the Customs employ some time ago and that he seems to remember inaccurately what were his duties when he was there. He was simply Captain Palmer's interpreter, and as such it was his sole business to interpret. Of course he had often to speak for Captain Palmer (who does not speak Chinese) with informers, but he had no authority to look out for them in the sense of searching for such, nor were any inducements offered to him to do so; for any special reward given him when a seizure was made. It was possible for him to take such a course himself, and perhaps he may have done so, but his doing so was a purely personal and wholly unrequired proceeding and one for which he personally is to blame, if any one, not our system.

2nd.—We have no paid informers in Hongkong. We have no paid spies. It appears to me that paying special men would tend to defeat the end in view. It would not be long before an informant's calling would be pretty generally known, and very little longer until the smuggling community would have arranged that he should have little information to give.

The only information we get is that which is given us voluntarily. Informers come to us without being sent for; we offer them no inducement. They know if their information is good and leads to the detection of smugglers that they get a percentage on the proceeds of the confiscation or fine. They also know that if they give false information they will be handed over to the Chinese officials for punishment, as has been done in many cases than one.

3rd.—As regards the Peng-chou-hai. Her presence in the harbor of Hongkong has been objected to. She never goes to Hongkong unless to buy stores or pay bills. I don't suppose her doing either causes any vexation to the community. If it really does, their feelings shall be respected and she can be made to perform these functions elsewhere. She never entered the harbor of Hongkong for spying purposes—not any of her crew ever been employed as spies on shore or in harbor, or on any other but their regular board ship duties. As an example of what she does I may say the whole seizures made by the Peng-chou-hai since the 1st January, 1874 (Carrington excepted) have been four, and the value of the goods in \$800. I cannot enter into the general question of the rights of the Chinese in preventing smuggling, or how far their rights go; these are questions for higher authorities. They are authorized certainly to take measures to prevent smuggling; and that smuggling out of China into Hongkong and out of Hongkong into China takes place is an assertion not open to much question.

That these measures should be effective without pressing on the innocent or going beyond what is believed to be the law, and that the unpleasantness and unpopularity always attendant on a Revenue preventive Service should be as little felt as possible, have been the objects held in view ever since the Peng-chou-hai and her fellows have been under the control of her present manager. The objects sought may not have been attained. At the same time the public should not lay to the charge of the Customs' Service more than they are liable for, and it is extremely likely to do so if incorrect representations are made through the public press.

Canton.

His Excellency the Viceroy returned the visit of the officers of the Yantic on Friday, the 5th instant, at about 2 p.m. He drew alongside in a Tsz Tung boat, under tow by a government steam launch, and received the usual salute of three guns from as many 11 inch Columbiads. After leaving the Yantic, Mr Lueder, for the purpose of seeing a large \$10,000 gun in the possession of the latter, with a view to its purchase.

The incessant rains we have had of late have much deteriorated the scenting quality of the *mok lee* (jasmine); but since the propitious weather set in the flowers have much improved in appearance and scent, and though the quantity available for use at present is not overabundant, it is however confidently expected that within ten days or a fortnight hence the gatherings will be in sufficient quantity to meet the demands of tea-men for scenting the new season's tea, the opening rate of which is likely to take place before that time.

We have been informed (but cannot vouch for the accuracy of the information), that the pirates, twenty-three in number, who were lately delivered up to the Chinese authorities by the Macao Government, suffered the extreme penalty of the law by decapitation early on the 3rd instant, at the execution ground. Strong suspicion rests on one of the gang of mafateurs as having a hand in the Spark tragedy.

We learn that, on the evening of Monday 1st instant, some Chinamen, while gambling in the street, were robbed of their stakes. The thief, after seizing the money, took to his heels. One of the parties robbed, drew a pistol, and pursuing the fugitive, fired at him. But instead of injuring the party intended, two innocent persons were struck—one of them being seriously, the other only slightly wounded. This incident is a sad commentary upon the inefficiency of the Chinese administration of law.—*Canton Advertiser*.

Manila.

We extract from the *Comercio* the following items in addition to those already given:—

On the 18th April, at 3.30 p.m., a destructive fire broke out in the district of Tayay (Morong); a fresh breeze from the N.E. soon increased the flames and by 6 o'clock, when the fire was mastered, one thousand and two hundred houses, including the Court House and some two hundred wooden houses, the property of the principal inhabitants, were reduced to ashes.

Great want of water was felt, in fact, with the exception of 3 or 4 badly sinking wells, from which only a scanty supply was obtained, no water could be got in the neighbourhood. The fire originated in a house next to the Convent, and at the time it broke out all the inmates were out in the fields except a crazy woman who had charge of the house. Happily no lives were lost, though it is rumoured that a man in the stocks at the Court was burned to death, but this is not as yet confirmed. The loss of property is considerable, for the crops just gathered, were all stock in that district.

On the 1st May two young ladies, Claudia Pacheco and Petrona Vizcarra, entered the Monastery of Santa Clara. The *Comercio* believes this to be the true vocation of these "Brides of the Lord," *Reposo del Señor*. On the 19th April a solemn *Té Deum* was sung in the Cathedral, preceded by High Mass, in thanksgiving for the success of the Spanish arms in Sulu. In the evening the Governor General held a levee, which was attended by the élite of the Capital. The whole town was illuminated, and from many balconies Suluans trophies, covered with Spanish colors and garlands of laurels, were exhibited, while several bands of musicians paraded the streets discharging enthusiastic strains.

From the province of Albay we learn that the prices of cereals continue steady at \$2.25 per carav for Rice, and \$1.12 for Paddy. The quotation for Hemp declined to \$1.50 to \$1.75 per picul. The news of the pacification of Spain and capture of Sulu was celebrated throughout this province with *Té Deum* and High Masses. The rejoicings were enthusiastic in the extreme, insomuch as the inhabitants had suffered much from the periodical incursions of Sulu pirates, the depredations committed by them being still fresh in the memory of all.

We read in the *Forvenir Filipino* the following:—A gold mine was discovered in the island of Panacan, in the province of Leyte, by a European Spaniard named Don Bibiano Martinez and according to information from a reliable source, splendid results are anticipated.

Saigon.

The Pelican has been found; it had been sunk in one of the branches of the river, between My tho and Vinh-Long. Moyer's tug, the Shamrock, has been hired to proceed to save and float the vessel, which it is hoped will be successfully accomplished. The assassins of the Pelican are in the hands of justice; they are now undergoing their preliminary trial at Cholon, and this will very probably terminate in the course of this month. Everyone is pleased to recognise the zeal and ability which have been displayed in the pursuit of this affair by the Chief Administrator of Cholon; it is owing to the exercise of this activity and prudence that the sum of \$10,000 has already been recovered, and there is good hope that other sums will also be recovered.—*Independent de Saigon* of 1st May.

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

May 10, 1876.

ASSAULT.

Luting Kam Chi, a married woman, was charged with assaulting a young girl 8 or 9 years of age. She beat her because she complained that the girl had been too long in cooking the rice. The girl then ran away from the house and was picked up by a Hukka woman, who reported to the Police. The defendant denied that she had beaten the girl, whose sister owed her money, and she gave the child to her in liquidation of the debt. The sister said that when her mother died, she borrowed money of the defendant. This was six years ago, and with interest, the amount due was \$10,000. Having no money to

pay, she made the child over to the creditor in lieu of payment. Fined \$5 for assault.

CUTTING TREES.

Mak Afook, a coolie, was found cutting trees at Albany Road. Fined \$2, and to be exposed for one hour in the stocks.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Chu Asam, a chow-coolie, was charged with having some shrubs in his possession near the Ice House. The defendant said he had orders from his master to get something of the sort. Mr Grobien said he had the defendant to get some ferns, and had shown him the kind wanted, but probably he did not understand.

LARCENY.

Wong Akow, a seaman, was charged with stealing \$1 from the person of one Chun Kam Ohnen, a boatman in the employ of the Victoria Dispensary. The complainant was going to the Koshing Theatre with a dollar in his hand, and it was snatched from him by the defendant as he alleged. The defendant ran away and gave the dollar to another man. He seized the defendant, who then beat him. The defendant said, in his defence, that he had a quarrel with the complainant in the gallery of the Theatre. Remanded till the 13th for enquiry.

ALLEGED LARCENY BY A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

"Lu Chiu Ho, a young woman 21 years of age, was charged by her mother-in-law, Chan A-mui. According to the complainant's story, she was taking a nap on the 7th inst., and when she awoke, she found that her basket-box had been broken open and \$50 were missing, as also 4 sovereigns. The defendant was not to be found.

Enquiries were then made for her and she was traced to a house in Wing On Lane. There were three men in the room with her, and when the defendant was ordered to return to her home, the three men seized the complainant, and the defendant thus escaped. To-day she was seen on the Praya while going into a passage boat, and was given into custody. The defendant was married to the complainant's son four years ago. The money was not recovered. Remanded till the 15th instant.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A NUISANCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, May 10, 1876.

Sir,—The following are a few remarks which, if acted upon, by the people most concerned, will confer a boon on the residents along the Praya. I should be glad if you will insert them in your paper, and at this stage let me assure you that the nuisances below referred to are a disgrace to the parties who have the management of them.

The Night Soil Nuisance: This, during the last six months has been getting gradually worse. Instead of the rubbish &c, being sent away in the early morn, it is generally 8 o'clock before the last boat leaves Hongkong. The contractor for this particular work should be compelled to have it all away by 6 o'clock, and their night's gleam ought to be shipped somewhere to the leeward of the Colony, say, at East Point in the South West monsoon, and West Point in the North East. The stench from this, when the wind is from the North East is something horrible; nearly every morning I get a "sniff" that entirely dispels any slight appetite. A little of it goes a long way. It would be a splendid investment for a poor but hungry man; I will guarantee that within one week, if he takes the "sniff" regularly, his appetite will be brought down to a point that will suit his purse. I generally get it on an empty stomach, and I find it is more effective taken in that way.

I am, Sir,
Yours &c.

PRAYA.

P.S.—I have remarks to make on several nuisances peculiar to the Praya.

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Japan.

(Mail.)

The *Hiron* Shimbun writes: A short time since a number of Yedo policemen out of uniform were sent to various disaffected districts with instructions to arrest such persons as might appear to them to be inciting to rebellion against the State. It is understood that they have succeeded in capturing some twenty individuals. One of these has been already sent to Yedo for trial, the others remaining in gaol in Kioto and elsewhere. They are, for the most part, *samurai* of Choshoi and Tosa. The policemen were despatched secretly and their proceedings made known to the heads of their department only.

The western school of medicine does not appear to have as yet made much progress in Osaka. The Dōshi Mashi in that city is a street lined nearly from end to end with apothecaries' shops, whose sales are almost wholly confined to herbs, roots, bark of trees and other vegetable medicines. Of the preparations of the western pharmacopœia they sell but little.

We learn that the necessity for a Pilot Board is agreed to in these columns last week, is now under consideration of the Board of Consuls, and that a scheme for its constitution and working will be laid before them in a few days. In all probability, it will be made a penal offence, as in Shanghai, to pilot ships in or out of the Bay without being duly licensed. Whether, however, as in China, the English Minister holds the power of Board of Trade and Commissioner of Customs *b nre*, is doubtful, and therefore, probably, any ordinance, even if conjointly assented to by the other Treaty Powers, would require confirmation at home before it became binding on British subjects here, although, until such official sanction should be received, the duly licensed pilots would be in a better position than heretofore.

Oidorferus as are the streets of Tokio in general, of late the choked gutters have exhaled such noxious vapours, that there is every reason to anticipate fever during hot months. A draught of pure cool water from a street well is almost unknown to the poorer inhabitants, so that as H. M. the Mikado is having the water at the Palace analysed and tested, it well will if the royal cars were extended to his humble subjects and a chance of unpoisoned water and inviolated air vouchsafed to them.

A disturbance is reported to have occurred in the Awomori *ken*. No details are, however, to hand.

The Revd. J. Goble is now engaged in preparing a Japanese Primer for the use of the public press.

the Blind. The type adopted is a modification of that known as "sanscrit," "gothic," or "Franklin," according to the whim of type-founders, and the characters are readily perceptible to the touch, so that a blind native has learned to distinguish them in an incredibly short space of time. The spelling is of course phonetic. The Gospel of St. John (or a portion of it) has been issued in a somewhat similar manner in Philadelphia.

Inonyé Kaword is said to be entrusted with a special mission to several foreign countries. It is expected that he will leave Japan in June next.

The frightful loss of life at the late fire in the Osaka Theatre is attributed to the fact of the doors having been locked upon the outbreak of the flames. Some minutes elapsed before they could be opened and in the meantime the fire had enveloped the greater part of the theatre. The house was unusually full. Some sixty-three corpses have already been discovered, and a large number of charred bones.

Peace is restored in the Awomori *ken*. The people were alarmed by a change in the mode of collecting the land tax, but have since been tranquillised by their authorities.

The following from the *Choy Shimbu* appears to require confirmation: The Ministry is said to have requested the U. S. Government to grant them permission to levy such dues as it may deem proper upon articles of American manufacture imported into this country from the United States and exported thither. The U. S. Government has sanctioned the change.

A certain Tarobci, says the *Hochi Shimbu*, has discovered a process by which the fur of rabbits may be woven into cloth. We believe that this has been accomplished without Mr Tarobci's help elsewhere, the product, however, being found unsatisfactory. Rabbit's hair, it is well known, forms a considerable article of commerce in Europe, where it is largely employed in the manufacture of felt hats.

A Chinese residing in Yokohama has presented a memorial to the Minister of the Department of Education, recommending that all documents (and books we presume) written in the old character should be carefully preserved.

A native living near Kioto has been accidentally peppered with shot by a foreigner attached to the Railway Department. The wounds were very slight.

The *Choya Shimbu* intimates the probability of a new school of medicine being opened in Yedo shortly.

The M.M. s.s. *Menalde*, which left Hongkong on the 20th instant at 6 p.m., arrived in port at about 5 a.m. on the 29th April, having accomplished the trip in 6 days 11 hours.

The Norwegian barque *Hafsfjord*, which sailed on Thursday, takes to Melbourne about 700 tons of Japanese rice and from 50 to 60 tons of curios and porcelain.

A Japanese newspaper states that the scheme for a railway to connect Kioto with Tsuruga in Echizen will, in all probability, be abandoned.

The *Hochi* says that Takemoto, a porcelain manufacturer of Takata, near Yedo, began last year to manufacture his wares with foreign appliances.

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Attention was lately drawn in these columns to a report that the Government was about to spend a large sum of money upon the improvement of the thoroughfares in Tokio. It is also said that some measures are about to be taken in regard to the water supply for the capital. In close connection with these two subjects stands the question of an efficient system of drainage, which is very much wanted and should be applied to the whole city. Cases of typhoid fever are being constantly brought to the notice of foreigners residing in Tokio, and this means either bad drainage or bad water—possibly both. The large sum of money which has been named in connection with the proposed improvement of the roads would go far towards supplying Tokio with these three great essentials, each of which is intimately connected with the other.

SARAWAK.

One of the most important events took place on the

Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES.
Also,

BOMBAY, ST. DENIS AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 13th May, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S. MEIKONG, Commandant FOACHE, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles; and so-called in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th May, 1876. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. B. CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 8, 1876.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 15th May, 1876, at 9 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitau Blaib S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 15, 1876.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 1st June, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 31st instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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FOR SALE.

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200 Cakes CHARME from BOHMSTADT.
Apply to

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1876.

FOR SALE.

1 VERY Handsome PHAETON.
1 Set Double HARNESS, nearly new.
1 Set Single HARNESS.

Apply to

L. MALLORY,

No. 2, St. John's Place.

Hongkong, April 10, 1876.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.
Quarts, \$16 per case (1 dozen).
Pints, \$16 (2 ")

5 per cent discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKEY.

\$12 per case (1 dozen).

NOR SALE BY

HEARD & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$60,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an Interest Dividend of 15% to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy Holders, annually, in cash, ALL THE PROFITS of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coal in Matches, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to \$1,000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, terms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

After this date, the above Association will allow a Brokerage of Thirty-three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of Instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

Insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.

CAPITAL, \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company in Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Insurance, payable in Australia, London, Calcutta, Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

THE SOOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$60,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an Interest Dividend of 15% to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy Holders, annually, in cash, ALL THE PROFITS of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

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